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Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein speaks to the media on Friday.

13 accused of plot to disrupt, influence 2016 presidential vote

BY MATT APUZZO & SHARON LAFRANIERE

## WASHINGTON

The Justice Department charged 13 Russians and three companies on Friday in a sprawling indictment that unveiled a sophisticated network designed to subvert the 2016 election and to support the Trump campaign. It stretched from an office in St.

Petersburg, Russia, into the social feeds of Americans and ultimately reached the streets of election battleground states.

The Russians stole the identities of U.S. citizens, posed as political activists and used the flash points of immigration, religion and race to manipulate a campaign in which those issues were already particularly divisive, prosecutors said.

Some of the Russians were also in contact with "unwitting individuals associated with the Trump campaign," according to court

papers. Robert Mueller, the special counsel leading the investigation, made no accusation that President Donald Trump or his associates were knowingly part of the conspiracy.

"The indictment alleges that the Russian conspirators want to promote discord in the United States and undermine public confidence in democracy," Rod Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general overseeing the inquiry, said in a brief news conference. "We must not allow them to succeed."

The Justice Department

said Mueller's work was not complete. The 37-page indictment does not address the hacking of Democratic email systems or whether Trump tried to obstruct the FBI investigation into Russian interference. Mueller is negotiating with the president's lawyers over the terms of a possible interview.

The Russian operation began four years ago, well before Trump entered the presidential race, a fact that he seized on in his defense. "Russia started their anti-US campaign in 2014, long before

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## QUALCOMM OPEN TO FURTHER TALKS WITH BROADCOM

Sides met for first time this week to explore possible sale

BY MIKE FREEMAN

Qualcomm said Friday that it is open to more talks with Broadcom to see if it can reach a deal to sell the San Diego company.

The two sides met Wednesday for the first time after Broadcom Chief Executive Hock Tan raised his offer for Qualcomm from \$70 per share to \$82 per share on Feb. 5.

That price, which values Qualcomm at \$121 billion, is still too low for Qualcomm's board, which rejected it.

Qualcomm also has concerns about a potentially long antitrust review that could result in regulators blocking the deal, and said Broadcom's \$8 billion breakup fee "does not come close to compensating for those risks."

"While the current Broadcom proposal is unacceptable, our board is intensely focused on maximizing value for Qualcomm stockholders, whether through executing on its growth strategy or by selling the company," wrote Qualcomm Chairman Paul Jacobs in a letter to Tan. "Our board is open to further discussions to see if a proposal that appropriately reflects the true value of Qualcomm's shares and ensures an appropriate level of deal certainty can be obtained."

Broadcom has yet to respond. But Tan has said \$82

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A father and daughter visit one of the 17 crosses erected as part of a memorial for the victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

# FBI SAYS IT FAILED TO ACT ON TIP

Bureau had received warning about suspected shooter, but information did not get forwarded to Miami office

U-T NEWS SERVICES

The FBI received a tip last month from someone close to Nikolas Cruz that he owned a gun and had talked of committing a school shooting, the bureau revealed Friday, but it acknowledged that it had failed to investigate.

The tipster, who called an FBI hotline on Jan. 5, told the bureau that Cruz had a "desire to kill people, erratic behavior and disturbing

social media posts," the FBI said.

The information should have been assessed and forwarded to the Miami FBI field office, the bureau said. But that never happened. On Wednesday, Cruz, 19, killed 17 students and teachers at his former high school in Parkland, Fla., law enforcement officials said.

The tip about Cruz appeared to be the second in four months, after another person told the bureau about online comments from Cruz

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that he wanted to become "a professional school shooter."

The news comes as the FBI is under considerable pressure over its investigation into President Donald Trump, with frequent attacks focused on the work of Robert Mueller, the special counsel's office overseeing the inquiry into Russian election interference.

In an unusually sharp public re-

buke of his own agents, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Friday that the missed warnings had "tragic consequences" and that "the FBI in conjunction with our state and local partners must act flawlessly to prevent all attacks. This is imperative, and we must do better."

Sessions ordered the deputy attorney general to review the FBI's procedures for fielding tips from callers.

Gov. Rick Scott of Florida said the bureau's failure to act on the tip was "unacceptable" and called for

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## MANCHESTER ISSUES APOLOGY TO ANY 'DEMEANED' EMPLOYEES

BY JOSHUA STEWART & MORGAN COOK

Douglas Manchester, a San Diego businessman and President Donald Trump's nominee for ambassador to the Bahamas, has apologized "to any employee who felt uncomfortable or demeaned" during his ownership of The San Diego Union-Tribune.

"While I was chairman of



Doug Manchester

the U-T San Diego, I became aware of egregious mistakes made by staff members," Manchester wrote in an email last week, which was copied to Trump. "When they were brought to my at-

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## ICE RAMPS UP PRESSURE ON COMPANIES WITH AUDITS

BY ADAM ELMAHREK



GARY CORONADO LOS ANGELES TIMES

Agents with Homeland Security Investigations visit businesses on an audit operation.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents put on their navy blue jackets and walked into a trucking company's office in Carson this week, sending waves of anxiety rippling through the building.

In the lobby, a nervous office manager greeted the team from ICE's Homeland Security Investigations, twisting a black pen in her hands like a wet towel. A sec-

ond manager joined them.

"I see people with vests and cameras," he said with an anxious chuckle. "That's not good."

The visit is part of a renewed wave in ICE's efforts to crack down on illegal immigration in the Trump era. Federal authorities are stepping up audits of businesses, hoping to catch employers who hired those here illegally. The agency's acting director wants to increase

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